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Mr. Mark Alexander
Connecticut Department of Transportation
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Subject: Plans submitted by Connecticut Department of Transportation for improvements at Igor I. Sikorsky Memorial Airport affecting the Stratford Harbor Management Area at 1000 Great Meadows Drive

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission (WHMC) has reviewed the plans submitted to the WHMC by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (the Applicant) concerning proposed work at Sikorsky Memorial Airport. That work would involve airport safety improvements and partial relocation of State Route 113 and would affect intertidal resources in the Stratford Harbor Management Area. The plans were submitted to the WHMC in accordance with the coastal permitting process and requirements of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Office of Long Island Sound Programs (DEEP OLISP). Our review was conducted for the purpose of considering the consistency of the proposed plans with the Stratford Harbor Management Plan.

The WHMC considered the proposed plans during the WHMC's meeting of March 13, 2013, and following significant discussion approved a motion to: a) find the proposed plans as presented to the WHMC are consistent with the Harbor Management Plan; and b) provide the following comment concerning the Applicant's proposal.

Comment: The WHMC reserves its right to continue to review the Applicant's proposal and make a final determination concerning its consistency with the Harbor Management Plan at such time as the proposal may be included in a permit application to the DEEP, be modified, be the subject of a public notice or public hearing, or when additional information regarding the proposal may be provided to the WHMC.

It was the sense of the WHMC's March 13, 2013 meeting that WHMC commissioners agree in concept with the Applicant's proposal and have no objection to the Applicant now including the proposed plans in a permit application or applications to the DEEP. It is anticipated by the commissioners that additional and more detailed information concerning the Applicant's plans

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will be forthcoming during the permit review process and any public hearing process that may be required. The plans then will be subject to further review by the WHMC to determine their consistency with the Harbor Management Plan.

At such time as the Applicant's plans are included in an application or applications submitted to the DEEP, please provide a copy of the application(s) to the WHMC.

If you have any questions, please call me at (203) 377-6537.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Rock".

Bill Rock
Chairman
BR/gs

cc:

Mr. Micheal Grzywinski, CT DEEP OLISP

Ms. Diane Ray, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Ed Scinto, Chair, WHMC Application Review Committee

Mr. Fraser Walsh, P.E., URS Corporation, Engineer for Applicant